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Mr. Edmund T. Salkovitch

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Dear Mr. Salkovitch:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of 31 March 1960 addressed to Mr. Dulles. The views you expressed therein were read with interest.

In reply to your request for advice as to whether such information should be made public with reference to the play and the book you have written, it is regretted that Agency would not furnish any advice or make any recommendation on this subject.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

*[Signature]*

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Assistant to the Director

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Mr. Allen Dulles  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I have given considerable thought to the ideological conflict which we are currently calling the "cold war". Apparently, the conflict seems to be the ideas of capitalism versus communism and socialism. I would like to offer you these thoughts for your consideration:

My belief is that the capitalism and imperialism as Marx envisioned it actually ended before Marx was born. My reason for making that statement is that historically capitalists seem to have been (1) a small group (nobility and/or industrialists) who controlled a country's government (2) and controlled a country's wealth and (3) the small group had the political and economic power to use a country's army to subdue the less developed nations of Africa, Asia, and South America, hence capitalists became imperialists. Since the wealth that was controlled by capitalists was logically inherited in family lines and titles of nobility were given to the wealthy, the capitalists, in effect, had a political, economic, and social monopoly in the European countries.

Our forefathers who established our political, economic, and social system came from capitalistic and imperialistic countries of Europe. It seems that when they aimed "to form a more perfect union" that they aimed to destroy the political, economic, and social monopolies that the capitalistic and imperialistic classes of Europe enjoyed. Logically, democracy gives control of the government to the people, and the people retain complete control by the vote, impeachment, or executive removal. Free enterprise gives the people the control of the wealth by guaranteeing the right of freedom to invent, to hold patents, and make contracts. Congress and the courts control social policies and all authority there is subject to the people by vote or impeachment.

The ideas such as communism, socialism, fascism, Nazism, and land reform(?) and the like only substitute the powers of capitalists and imperialists (control of the government and the wealth) to the totalitarians. Democracy and free enterprise in combination cure the capitalistic monopolies and are really an improvement and advancement over old-fashioned capitalism totalitarian and substitutes for capitalism.

In the past two years I have written a play entitled Rich Communist, Poor Russians and a book (anti-socialism) entitled TOO CLOSE TO TYRANNY. Neither of the works was of quality for publication. I have spent considerable time wondering if it would be in our nation's best interest to have information such as the above made public. I sincerely would appreciate your advice on the matter.

Respectfully yours,

*Edmund T. Sulkevich*  
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